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PARIS ALSO FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED ON A PRIVATE BASIS REMARKS WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL

STAFF HAS PREPARED FOR SYG LUNS TO USE AT THE AIR PORT WELCOMING CEREMONIES FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND FOR THE OPENING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON THE MORNING OF 30 MAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF WELCOMING AT AIRPORT

BRIEF FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

AIRPORT WELCOME ON MAY 28, 1975 FOR PRESIDENT FORD

YOU MAY WISH TO SAY:

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YOUR MAJESTIES, MR. PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD,

I WISH TO JOIN IN WELCOMING YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THIS NOTAGLE OCCASION; YOUR FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO EUROPE SINCE

ASSUMING YOUR PRESENT VAST RESPONSIBILITIES.

AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, I TAKE SPECIAL PLEASURE  
IN POINTING OUT THAT BRUSSELS IS NOT ONLY THE CROSSROADS AND  
CAPITAL OF EUROPE, IT IS ALSO THE CROSSROADS AND CAPITAL OF  
THE NORTH ATLANTIC COMMUNITY. THE PRESENCE HERE THIS WEEK OF  
SO MANY LEADERS OF THE ALLIANCE FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION  
OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IS AMPLE EVIDENCE OF THAT FACT.  
I AM PARTICULARLY HAPPY TO WELCOME YOU TODAY BECAUSE YOUR  
ARRIVAL SERVES TO EMPHASISE THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF THE  
TRANS-ATLANTIC LINK, WHICH IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL ELEMENT  
IN ALL OUR PLANS AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

NATO IS NOT A NEW ORGANISATION. IN FACT, IT IS ALREADY  
WELL LAUNCHED INTO ITS SECOND QUARTER CENTURY. THROUGHOUT ITS  
HISTORY, HOWEVER, IT HAS SHOWN A REMARKABLE ABILITY TO KEEP  
UP WITH THE SHIFTING DEMANDS OF THESE RAPIDLY CHANGING TIMES.  
THE ALLIANCE FACES DIFFICULT TASKS IN THE DAYS AND MONTHS TO  
COME BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL MEASURE UP TO THOSE  
TASKS, AS IT HAS SO REGULARLY DONE IN THE PAST. AS ON THOSE  
EARLIER OCCASIONS, THE CREATIVE IMPULSE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED  
STATES, AND ITS LEADERS, WILL BE AS SIGNIFICANT AS ITS GREAT  
MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR MEETING TOMORROW,  
WHICH WILL DEMONSTRATE TO WAITING AUDIENCES THROUGHOUT THE  
ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, THAT  
WE SHALL NOT WEAKEN IN THE DEFENCE OF OUR COMMON IDEALS.

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3. BEGIN TEXT OF SYG LUNS REMARKS AT OPENING CEREMONY 30 MAY

BRIEF FOR THE CHAIRMAN  
MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN MINISTERIAL SESSION,  
30TH MAY, 1975

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YOU MAY WISH TO SAY:

YESTERDAY WE HAD THE BENEFIT OF SIR PERTER HILL-NORTON'S  
BRIEFING ON THE MILITARY SITUATION AND PRESIDENT FORD'S ELOQUENT  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON UNITED STATES POLICY. WE ARE NOW READY,  
THEREFORE, TO MOVE TOWARD WHAT I TRUST WILL BE A REAL INTER-  
CHANGE OF IDEAS, IN AN INFORMAL MANNER, WITH THE EMPHASIS  
ON RELEVANCE AND SPONTANEITY. THERE ARE, OF COURSE, NO  
MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM TIME LIMITS ON INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS BUT  
I MIGHT POINT OUT THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS ARE  
FREQUENTLY THE SHORTEST ONES. I INTEND TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE  
MYSELF BY LIMITING MY INTRODUCTORY REMARKS. AS YOU KNOW, I  
HAVE ALREADY DISTRIBUTED MY OWN POLITICAL APPRAISAL TO ALL  
DELEGATIONS AND IT IS UNNECESSARY FOR ME TO GO OVER THAT GROUND

AGAIN. I WOULD LIKE MERELY TO UNDERLINE ONE OR TWO POINTS IN A MORE INFORMAL MANNER THAN I COULD IN THAT APPRAISAL OR IN MY PUBLIC REMARKS YESTERDAY.

I BELIEVE THAT IS IT GENERALLY AGREED THAT A PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IS TO DEMONSTRATE, IN DEED AS WELL AS WORD, THE CONTINUED SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE. I WOULD ASK ALL THE NATIONS REPRESENTED TO KEEP IN MIND THAT WHAT WE SAY HERE, AND LATER ABOUT WHAT TRANSPIRED HERE, WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON PUBLIC BELIEF IN THE DEFENSIBILITY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC AREA. WE SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS OURSELVES TODAY TO THE FUTURE OF DETENTE, WEIGHING CAREFULLY WHAT IMPLICATIONS, IF ANY, SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD. FURTHERMORE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT MULTILATERAL EAST-WEST NEGOTIATIONS, WE MUST CONSIDER HOW IN THE FUTURE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN EUROPE CAN BE SECURED AT A LOWER LEVEL.

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